Lee Whitten

JFK assassination records appeals — Harold Weisberg 10/5/79

Records not/searched

Manipulation of the media and the Warren Commission - the DeLoach operation

Attached to a recent, similarly-captioned appeal was a copy of a story written by Lee Whitten to which Director Hoover attached a note that could have been self-serving or could have been an indication that what he knew was controlled by those around him. The same thing exists in 62-109060-4002, which is in Section 15.

The story is headed "Report to LHO Called Oswald The Assassin." The story is an accurate reflection of both FBI records of the period, 11/27/63, and the five-volume report, CD1, the FBI did provide.

Either Whitten was a remarkable forecaster, complete with direct quotes, or he did have an FBI source of sources.

Director Hoover's note reads, "I assume none of this is coming from FBI."

There is a DeLoach to Tolson memo for Hoover alleging, "We have given Lee Whitten no information whatsoever." This is followed by a stamp form stating that a deleted copy was sent to Whitten 9/21/76.

None of the record is withheld from us, so why should any have been withheld from Whitten under his FA request? None of the record, in fact, qualifies for withholding.

The only and the obvious explanation is that Whitten would know that the DeLoach memo was false. Whatever his sources, Whitten knew then.

As a subject expert I am certain that the FBI has to have provided Whitten's information because I know what information the FBI had and what was public on or before the date of the story.

This has to have been part of the FBI's most leaking campaign by which it fixed the public mind and bound in and limited government officials and what they could do or dare want to try to do.

In turn this leads to what is of great historical importance, FBI records not searched in which its records of its manipulations are recorded, most of all the records of the DeLoach operations, especially the 94 and similar files.

I am not attaching a copy of this story.